Biodiversity Conservation Planning Process (BCPP)
Implementation Plan Summary

➢ Goal: To establish a network of functional representative Michigan ecosystems (Biodiversity Stewardship Areas or BSAs) that will ensure the conservation, maintenance and restoration of Michigan's native biodiversity.

➢ Portions of BSAs that occur within DNR-administered lands will be managed for the primary purpose of biodiversity conservation by the appropriate Division.

➢ Portions of BSAs that occur within State Forests will be addressed in Regional State Forest Management Plans as one category of High Conservation Value Area (HCVA).

➢ DNR staff, tribal & public roles in the implementation process:

  o *Statewide Assist Team:* This small team will administer and facilitate the implementation process. Members will be DNR staff representing all resource divisions. Team membership will remain consistent during implementation in all ecoregions.

  o *Core Design Teams:* These teams will develop a recommended set of BSAs for their ecoregion that best meets BCPP conservation goals. There will be one Core Design Team for each ecoregion. Members will include tribal representatives, select stakeholder representatives, select DNR field staff, and ecoteam representatives.

  o *Information Gathering Workshops:* The purpose of these workshops is to augment information available to the Core Design Team with information from individuals' knowledge that would otherwise not be readily available or documented. Targeted participants (DNR and non-DNR) will have exceptional knowledge of the ecoregion's landscapes, but workshops will be open to all interested participants.

- **Implementation Process** (see timeline for process steps below):

  1. *Analysis & Organization:* The Statewide Assist Team will complete analyses to identify a set of potential BSAs. Core Design Team members will be identified and will participate in 1-2 organization meetings to review their charges and process.

  2. *Core Design Team Process:* Information Gathering Workshops will be held for DNR staff, tribal representatives, and public participants (see below). The Statewide Assist Team will compile new data from these workshops. Core Design Team members will meet as needed to develop a final recommendation.

  3. *Public Review & MDNR Approval Processes:* The Statewide Assist Team will facilitate review of the statewide set of recommended BSAs by the BCPP Public Advisory Team, by the Statewide Biodiversity Team, by the Ecoteams, and through traditional public review. The final decision on approval of the BSA network will be made by the Statewide Council.

- **Implementation Timeline:**
  (Based on the Regional State Forest Management Plan timelines, developed with the Ecoteams)

	Step #1	Step #2	Step #3
	Analysis & Organization	**Core Design Team Process**	**Public Review & MDNR Approval Processes**
NLP	Jan. – Feb, 2009	Mar. – June, 2009	July – Sept., 2009
WUP	Mar. – Apr., 2009	May – Aug., 2009	Sept. – Nov., 2009
EUP	May – June, 2009	July – Oct., 2009	Nov., 2009 – Jan., 2010
SLP	Jan. – Mar., 2010	Apr. – Dec., 2010	Jan. – Mar. 2011

Information Gathering Workshops
(part of the Core Design Team Process)

	DNR Staff	Public Workshops
NLP	4 locations: Cadillac and TC FMUs, Gaylord, Atlanta and PRC FMUs , Grayling and Roscommon FMUs, and the Gladwin FMU	Traverse City (Mar. 24), Gaylord (Mar. 25) , and Bay City (Mar. 26)
WUP	2 locations: Gwinn and Escanaba FMUs, and Crystal Falls and Baraga FMUs	2 locations: Marquette and Houghton
EUP	2 locations: Shingleton and Newberry FMUs, and the Sault Ste. Marie FMU	2 locations: Newberry and Sault Ste. Marie
SLP	4 locations: TBD	2 locations: TBD